

**LITIGATION AS A PREDATORY PRACTICE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Litigation as a Predatory Practice.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 785, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to clarify that uncertified States and Indian tribes have the authority to use certain payment for certain noncoal reclamation projects. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pearce and Luján; Al Whitehouse, Chief of Reclamation Support, Office of Surface Reclamation and Enforcement; and public witnesses.

**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE’S COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN AND ITS IMPACT ON CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Fish and Wildlife Service’s Proposed Comprehensive Conservation Plan and its Potential Devastating Impact on the Economy of the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia.” Testimony was heard from Wendi Weber, Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; Jack Tarr, Mayor, Chincoteague, Virginia; and public witnesses.

**EXAMINING DUPLICATIVE IT INVESTMENTS AT DOD AND DOE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Inter-

governmental Relations and Procurement Reform held a hearing entitled “How Much is Too Much? Examining Duplicative IT Investments at DOD and DOE.” Testimony was heard from David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Teresa Takai, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Richard Spires, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Michael W. Locatis III, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy.

**OVERVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION’S FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET FOR FY 2013**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Overview of the Administration’s Federal Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.” Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.